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Interview Summary	Application No. 10/507,253	Applicant(s) FRANGIONI, JOHN V	
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c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: Proposed amended claims.

Identification of prior art discussed: Imaizumi et al. (6,293,911).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's proposed amendments were directed toward the open surgical field embodiment of the instant application. Applicants intend to focus on this embodiment and to not focus on the endoscopic embodiment in order to try to distinguish over the prior art of record. Applicants will attempt to modify claim language, within the limits of the written description, to better explain an open surgical field as defined in the embodiment of figure 3 in the instant application.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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